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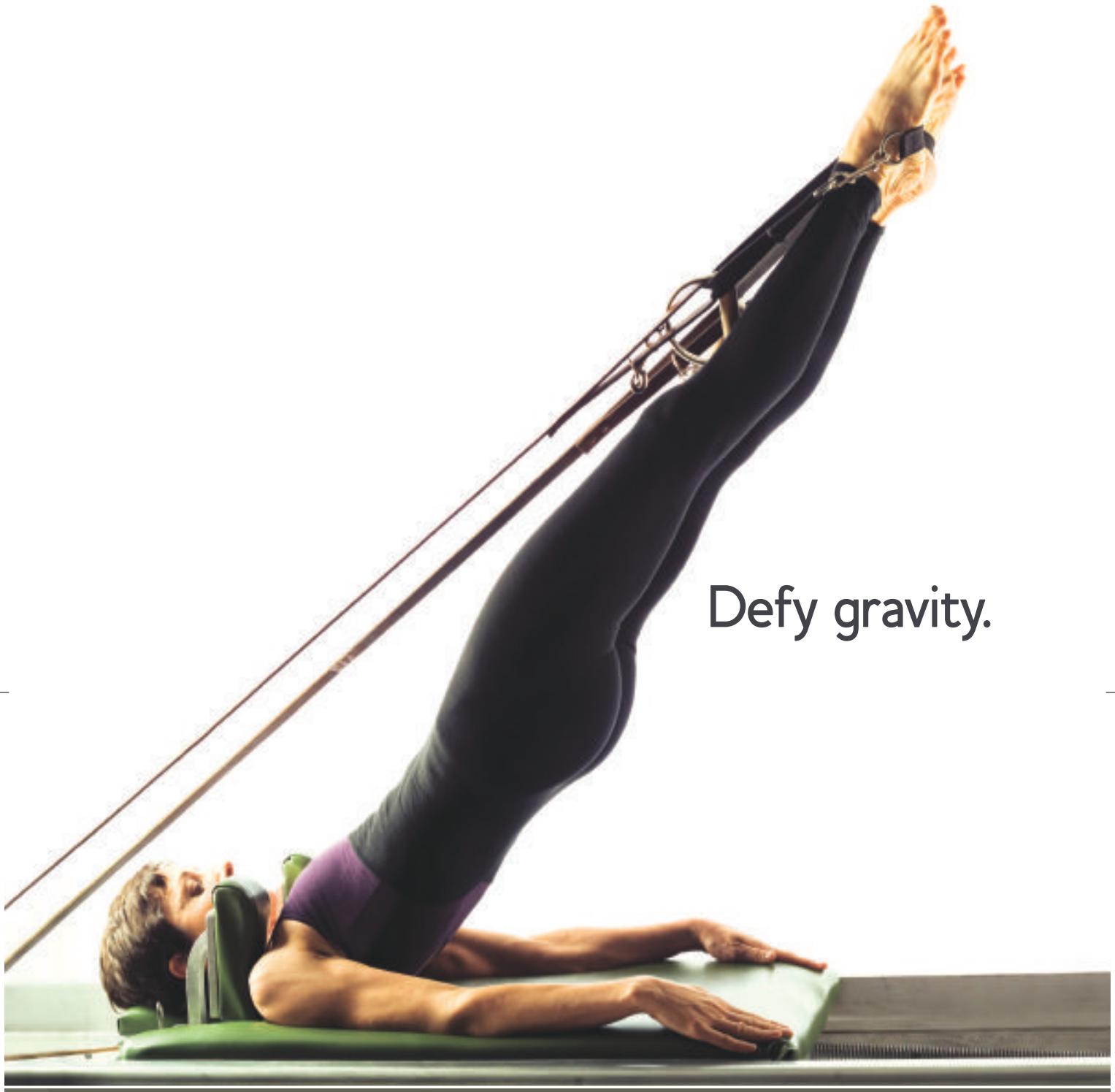

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I'm writing this on a Sunday evening where the weather is uncharacteristically hot and humid after pouring with rain all day while the wind whipped my skirt around me like something from a Benny Hill sketch. I've realised that I moan about the weather far too much and it does nothing – apart from making me seem like the complaining sort – so from now you won't hear me mention it.

Fortunately, it doesn't feature much in this issue. Indeed, with our recommendation of Loch Fyne's excellent oyster and champagne hamper in accordance with the start of the oyster season, you won't care whether it's whirling blizzards outside as you tuck into a dozen fresh oysters washed down with delightful refreshing bubbles.

Someone who's definitely no stranger to luxury is actress Emilia Fox who just loves living in Acton. Despite having the sultry looks to make men wilt, she is so down to earth. About to be dressed in the best of Louboutin shoes and MacQueen evening gowns, she still had the courtesy to ask me if I wanted anything from the newsagents. Look out for her in her new flick, Cashback, out this month.

From modern-day glamour to the Victorian underworld: journey back 150 years when Shepherd's Bush was a mere hamlet surrounded by fields. A ground-breaking social experiment was taking place: Charles Dickens and his fellow philanthropist Angela Burdett-Coutts were quietly rescuing women off the sinister streets of London and educating them for a new life abroad. We interview Jenny Hartley, the author of The House of Fallen Women, to find out what happened.

Finally, a personal favourite subject of mine is food and this issue we're hotting up September with four of the best curry houses in West London and following the scent of Fulham's curry trail with Monisha Bharadwaj. If you're more into couture than curry however, then don't forget to visit our website for a chance to win a pair of tickets to London Fashion Weekend.

Have a good month!

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Round-up

William Douglas provides the local news from where you are

Renovation work at Chiswick House digs up the past

Work has now started on the new café at Chiswick House and Gardens. The building will open in spring 2010 following the completion of the garden restoration works. Before construction started, a team of experts from English Heritage carried out archaeological excavations and uncovered structural remains of a 17th century service building. Dave Fellows, archaeologist for English Heritage, said: 'The excavations have surpassed our expectations. We have uncovered a wealth of information that will enhance our understanding of the archaeological sequence of this important part of the site.'

Tennis champ opens new centre

Former Wimbledon semi-finalist Roger Taylor was guest of honour at the opening of the Will To Win Tennis (WTWT) centre in Lammas Park, Ealing. Lammas Park will boast 15 tennis courts, four multi-sport pitches, football, netball and petanque facilities and a fully-equipped pavilion. Steve commented, 'Lammas Park will have a friendly atmosphere, excellent facilities for all ages and abilities at a reasonable price and dedicated professional staff. Until we resurrect parks tennis, which is where most of us fell in love with the game, how can we ever find new champions?'

Not such a pipe dream

Furnival Gardens in Hammersmith could be the focal point to the construction of a £2 billion 'super sewer' which will stop storm water and raw sewage flooding into the Thames. According to a letter sent to council officials, Thames Water is hoping to dig the entrance to the 18 mile Thames Tunnel in Hammersmith rather than in Chiswick as originally planned. Cllr Nicholas Botterill, H&F's deputy leader, said: 'A 30-metre wide tunnel entrance near the Thames can only be justified in a massive area of open land. There is nothing like that here so it cannot possibly go anywhere in Hammersmith as that would mean utterly destroying somewhere like Furnival Gardens or another one of our beautiful parks.'

BBC building to be listed

Hammersmith & Fulham Council is backing a plan to make the BBC Television Centre a Grade II-listed building. The campaign comes amid fears that the borough could lose the iconic building after 2012, once the BBC transfers its staff to other offices. English Heritage has asked the Government to 'recognise the extraordinary cultural and architectural significance' of the White City studios. Cllr Mark Loveday said, 'The BBC has been part of this borough's heritage for over 50 years. We do not want to lose important cultural signposts that are not just architecturally significant, but also remind us of great moments in television history.'

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Ealing Symphony Orchestra Concert

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St Barnabas's Church, Pitshanger Lane, W5 1QG
020 8567 4075; www.ealingso.org.uk
*** See our Last Word interview with John Gibbons on page 56**

Diary

The best West London events happening this month by **Emily Paine**

28 September

Watermans Family Fun Day

If you think that family fun days have ended with the summer, think again – West London's brilliant local cinema, Waterman's, will be hosting a fantastic day for under 11s with a carnival theme. Prepare for 2012 with some crazy Animal Olympics or enjoy the comedy and action of Kung Fu Panda. There will also be a bouncy castle and refreshments.

Watermans, 40 High Street, TW8 0DS; 020 8232 1010
www.watermans.org.uk

13 September

The Great River Race

Come and watch the Great River Race which sails from Ham House along the 22-mile course to Greenwich. Landlubbers can also enjoy the live music, barbecue and a Fullers' bar. While you're waiting, you can watch the foolhardy take part in the Great River Swim, which goes from Chiswick Pier to Chiswick Eyot and back. If you're a good swimmer with a wetsuit, email greatriverswim@blueyonder.co.uk for details.

Chiswick Pier Trust, The Pier House, Corney Reach Way, W4 2UG
020 8742 2713; www.chiswickpier.org.uk

From 22 September

Goldsmiths' Fair

Venture into the City for the 26th annual Goldsmiths' Fair – the country's leading show for contemporary design. Be dazzled by the latest collections from over 160 artists, (including locals from West London). There will be a sparkling range of designer jewellery and one-off pieces or you can commission your own design.

Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, EC2V 6BN
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15 September

Brendan Power and Friends

Head to the Hammersmith Irish Cultural Centre for some of the hottest harmonica playing you're ever likely to hear - New Zealand-born Brendan Power is one of the world greats. A musical maestro, he plays a range of styles from down-home blues and country to Bulgarian folk, Baroque, Irish traditional, rock and jazz. Recently appearing as a special guest on The Jools Holland show, Power's played with artists such as Sting, Van Morrison and Paul Brady and will be playing with a group of equally talented musicians to bring you a night of eclectic and unforgettable sounds. Doors open 7.30pm, begins 8.15pm. Tickets £10.

Hammersmith Irish Cultural Centre, Black Road, W6 9DT
020 8563 8232

21 September

Chiswick House Kitchen Garden Open Day

This is the last chance this year for the public to see the magnificent kitchen garden of Chiswick House before extensive works commence without getting their hands dirty! The garden will be open for visitors to peruse the extensive collection of seasonal fruit and vegetables during the harvest festival season. There will also be stalls offering local produce plus plants for sale and plenty of refreshments to keep you going. Doors open 1–5pm.

Chiswick House, W4 2RP
020 8995 0508
www.kitchengarden.org.uk

Until 14 September

Ways of Seeing Exhibition

A group of three painters and three photographers from Ealing will be exhibiting their work in the Jersery Galleries, Osterley House, in a show which aims to explore different ways of looking at local landscapes and people. Exhibitors include, two Hanwell photographers – Brigitte Flock and Judie Long, a painter from Pitshanger Lane – Judith Gordon, Susi Mawani, an Ealing painter with some stunning Indian subjects and the late Chris Wright – a celebrated Ealing photographer (his Valras-Plage image pictured here right). Osterley House presents the perfect backdrop for these artworks, being a stunning period house set in acres of beautiful park and farmland. Exhibitions are put on every year, please check the website.

Osterley Park House
TW7 4RB; 020 8232 5050
www.osterleypark.org.uk

8-27 September

365

After the huge success of The Bacchae, the National Theatre of Scotland returns to the Lyric with 365 – a brand-new piece of theatre written by Olivier Award-winning writer David Harrower. J is a 16-year-old girl who has lived in care all her life and is spending her first night in her own place – a 'practice flat' set up to help her leave the care system and prepare her for the outside world. 365 is set in the transitory and surreal world of the practice flat and follows the lives of a group of young people who are taking their first faltering steps towards adulthood and independence.

Lyric Hammersmith, Lyric Square, King St, W6 0QL
0871 22 11 729; www.lyric.co.uk

EVENT PREVIEW

London Fashion Weekend

24-28 September

Attention all style sirens: this year's London Fashion Weekend is just around the corner with this season's hottest designers ready to showcase their new creations. Following from London Fashion Week, you'll be able to net all the latest trends at discounted prices. From Ealing-based jewellery designers Azuni, to Notting Hill's women's fashion label, Anonymous by Ross + Bute, there'll be hundreds of styles to choose from so you can create your new look for autumn.

This event is renowned for being the place where you can meet the faces behind the labels. Chat to the designers and find out what inspires them – this is definitely more than just casual shopping.

From Wednesday-Friday, there'll also be late-night opening sessions until 9pm, meaning that you can go straight from work and unwind with friends and enjoy a much needed cocktail – or several!

New this year is a dedicated hair and beauty team, ready to pamper you for your night out of the year. Toni and Guy's Blow Out Bar will transform your tresses while the Elizabeth Arden beauty studio can give you a straight-off-the-catwalk makeover. If your nails leave a lot to be desired, book them straight in for a manicure at the Superdrug and Bourjois Nail Bar or if you're mourning the loss of your holiday tan, the St Tropez team can make you glow in minutes.

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Tickets £25, including a champagne reception and dinner. Call Julia Quillam, 020 8847 4737

3. Get into the swing

Golf is fast becoming a fashionable ladies' sport – just look at the hip 18-year-old, Michelle Wie. It's fun, tones you up and for every game you play, you'll burn around 1,000 calories. Dukes Meadow Golf Club does free ladies' coaching sessions every Monday from 11am – 12noon.
Dan Mason Drive, W4 2SH; 020 8994 3314
www.golflessons.co.uk

4. Do it for the kids

Chiswick Park is holding their sixth annual Yellow Umbrella Day on 21 September in support of three children's charities. With a 5km walk and a 10km run plus food stalls, cake contests, a prize draw and pony rides, it's suitable for the whole family.
020 8636 8078; info@yellowumbrelladay.com
www.yellowumbrelladay.com

5. Save the Galapagos

The beautiful honeymoon islands have been declared a World Heritage Site in Danger. Join TV presenter Ben Fogle for the Galapagos Conservation Trust's fundraising event at the Royal Geographical Society, Exhibition Road and listen to a debate on these fascinating islands. A trip for two is also up for grabs in the raffle.
020 7629 5049; www.savegalapagos.org

Paul Hamer

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Fantastic Miss Fox

Actress Emilia Fox can't get enough of W3: apparently LA is just Acton in the sunshine she tells **Anwar Brett**

As the daughter of respected actor parents and a successful actress in her own right, you wouldn't expect Emilia Fox to admit to being starstruck. She has after all, been on our screens since the hit adaptation of Pride & Prejudice in 1995, and in films since 2002, in the Oscar garlanded production of Roman Polanski's The Pianist.

And considering her parents are Edward Fox and Joanna David, her uncle is James Fox and Laurence Fox is a cousin, she has obviously been around performers her whole life. Even her in-laws have filmographies – her actor husband of three years being Jared Harris, son of Richard.

But it's quite touching that the 34-year-old admits to getting tongue-tied when she meets her heroes – a sign that for all the glamour others might perceive in her life, she is thoroughly down-to-earth. This quality was useful when she played the check-out girl heroine of Cashback recently, a film by fashion photographer-turned-director Sean Ellis.

The underlying message of the film is that beauty is not only in the eye of the beholder, but is all around us. It is expressed through the experiences of Ben (Sean Biggerstaff) and through the romance he eventually finds with Sharon (Emilia), who had been so close to him as to be almost overlooked.

The parallel lies in the fleeting notion of love at first sight and the more enduring passion that comes when you take your time to get to know someone.

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Emilia just loves being at home as seen at The Park Club

Emilia Fox with her Cashback co-star, Sean Biggerstaff

'I'm sure that's why reality TV is so popular,' Emilia explains, 'because you follow their progress for weeks and start to think you know them properly.

'Every American Idol or Britain's Got Talent, I completely fall in love with that fairytale because I think that's all of us. You have a talent, a skill and you're finally being recognised for it.'

Emilia Fox might see herself as nothing out of the ordinary, but her day job is certainly something special. She was also glimpsed in another recent release, Flashbacks of a Fool, and is now filming period drama Dorian Gray, due for release next year.

'I love West London. When I cross the train tracks I breathe a little sigh of relief'

And yet in the face of such high-profile work she admits she can walk around her Acton home without any fuss or bother.

'I love Acton,' she beams, 'because it's a really diverse area where people still talk to each other. There's still a local community – it isn't this anonymous place where you don't know your neighbours. It's a bit like living in London and living in the countryside at the same time.

'The parks are beautiful, and there's still a high street with proper local shops. We've got a great pub next to the station (the Station House) and we've still got a little post office. Imagine if they closed it which is what they're talking about? I just can't understand – why would you want to do that? Why would you want to close things that are incredibly useful?'

It sounds as if she'd be the first to wave a placard and campaign for such local amenities to be preserved.

'If I could keep the local shops alive, I would. I think we're sort of going back that way. There's something special about them and about supporting the people whose businesses have passed down through the generations.

'I notice now on the radio they're advertising apprenticeship work. I tried to find someone to do the metalwork on my garden gate; it was so hard because these are industries which are dying out. But now, I've noticed people do want to do that.

'So everyone should be behind supporting the local shops and the local communities, it's just very hard to revert I think, and thankfully Acton hasn't. I just hope we never go that way. We've got our big shops, down the A40, so let's keep Acton local.'

While the enthusiasm she has for her home in the capital is palpable, Fox and her husband also keep a place in Los Angeles too, which is important for work that often requires them to be in the US.

'It's Acton in the sunshine,' she laughs. 'The little bit that we live in is in the hills and weirdly we know our neighbours there too, so it feels like a home from home. It's a much more sprawling place, LA, but it's fun and it's very beautiful.'

Perhaps it's a lot to do with the climate, but when she's there the actress admits she feels more like being on holiday than pursuing the Hollywood dream.

'It's here that I'm in work mode, I sort of flit like a butterfly from place to place and never really settle. Out there, I'll happily lie in the garden and soak up the sunshine. It is a very different pace of life, which is completely the opposite of what one's perception of Los Angeles is. You think it's rushing around town being glamorous and important but I never do this. I have to admit though, that there is something rather fabulous about Los Angeles – it's like being on a permanent film set.'

LA, with the climate and the Rodeo Drive chic, and the gridlock and the pollution, might have a lot going for it but somehow it can't quite beat a little corner of West London that Emilia Fox calls home. 'I love it,' she smiles, 'when I cross the train tracks and get nearer to home I breathe a little sigh of relief.'

Cashback was released on 1 September

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ART AND CRAFTY

Join Moorcroft Pottery at Syon Park on 11-12 October for a cultural weekend

Said to be one of the greatest living art potteries in existence, the first pieces of Moorcroft pottery were made in Stoke-on-Trent in 1897 and the handcrafted process used today has remained unchanged since these humble beginnings over a century ago. This autumn, Moorcroft will be hosting an event at Syon Park, the home of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland. With fabulous views of Kew Gardens and the River Thames, Syon Park is the perfect place to and submerge yourself in history – of both the architectural and ceramic kind!

If you ever wondered how much some of your ceramic collection could fetch at auction, BBC Antiques Roadshow expert, Eric Knowles will give an evaluation (only one piece per person). Eric will also be giving a free lecture each day on the history of Moorcroft at 2pm, places for which must be booked in advance.

Accompanying Eric will be Moorcroft designer, Emma Bossons FRSA, who has created two exclusive vases to purchase, in order to mark this special occasion at Syon Park. The first features the Great Conservatory and the second the wildflowers and butterflies of Syon's parkland.

Each day, live demonstrations of painting Moorcroft will be held in the Great Hall, providing a wonderful opportunity to see how Moorcroft comes to life. In the Great Dining Room, you will discover an excellent selection of Moorcroft for sale, and should you join the Moorcroft Collectors' Club at the event a discount will be available. The day will be completed with an extensive exhibition of Moorcroft from 1897-2008 including prestige designs and pieces rarely seen outside of the Moorcroft Museum. Join Moorcroft for what promises to be an entertaining and interesting day and learn what makes this small art pottery company one of the best-kept secrets in the world.

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- Meet designer Emma Bossons FRSA
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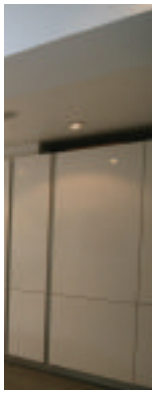

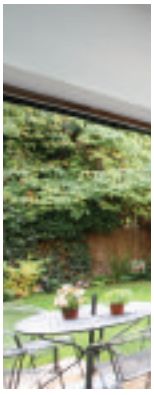

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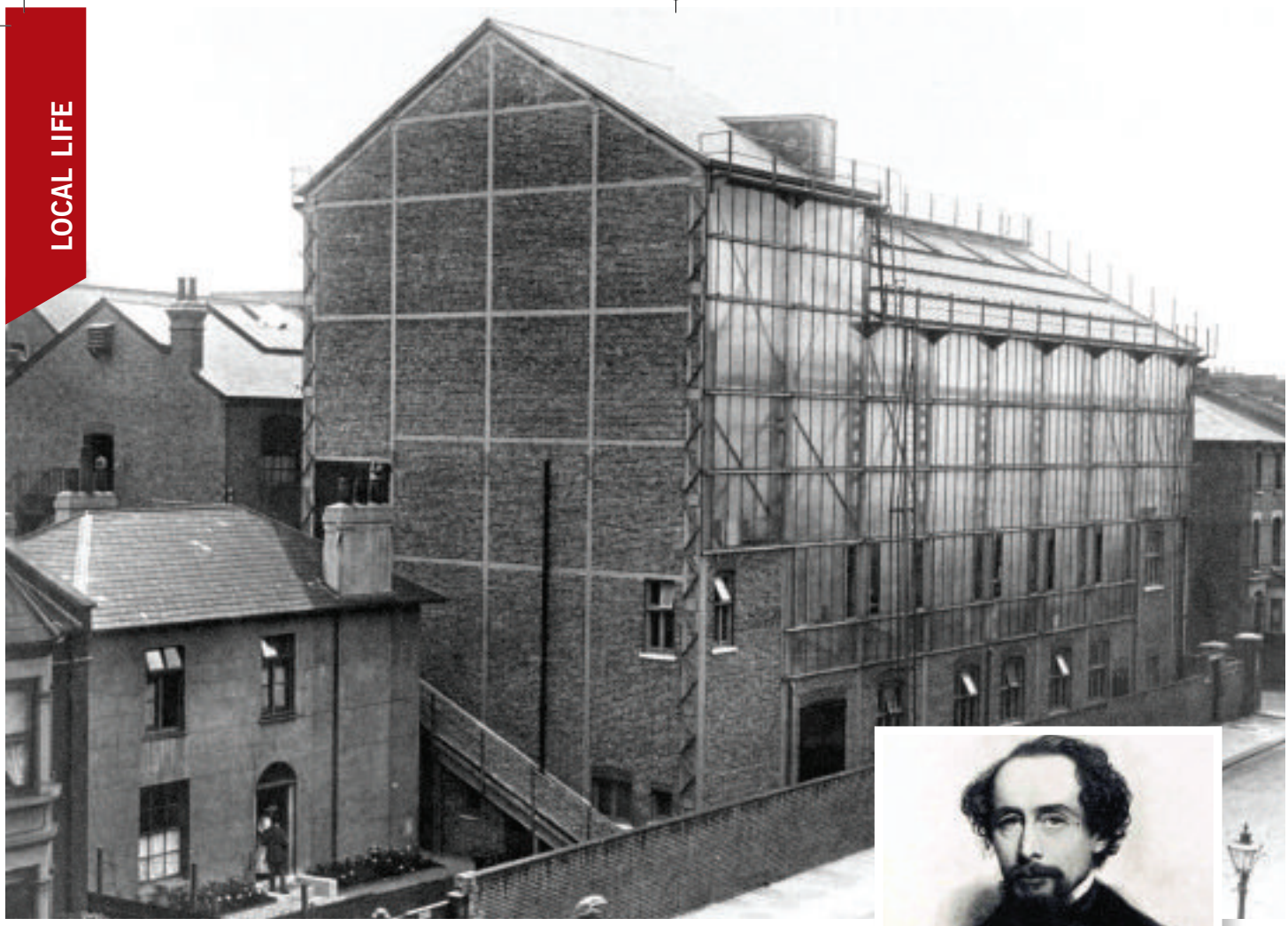

Fallen Angels

In Victorian Shepherd's Bush, prostitutes were disappearing off the streets in search of a better life. **Neil McKelvie** finds out what happened

In November 1847, a fascinating and hitherto unprecedented social experiment began at a property called Urania Cottage on Lime Grove. The masterminds behind the project were Charles Dickens and friend Angela Burdett-Coutts. Their objective was to scoop up young women recently released from London's prisons and settle them in a stable environment in Shepherd's Bush where they would be taught domestic service and in a year, be fit for work in Australia.

Now, after much exhaustive research, local author Jenny Hartley has written The House of Fallen Women – the first book to reveal just how involved Dickens became with the regime at Urania Cottage and the lives of its residents and to trace what subsequently happened to some of them Down Under.

Burdett-Coutts, who became heir to the Coutts bank fortune in her early 20s, came from a family with impeccable radical credentials. 'After seeing working girls soliciting outside her house in Piccadilly she was inspired to set up a home in which they could be 'reclaimed." Jenny tells me. 'Burdett-Coutts and Dickens were friends – they had collaborated on social campaigns such as schools for the poor – and she approached him for practical assistance (she provided the funds) in making the idea a reality.'

Dickens's first task was to find a suitable property to rent. 'They needed somewhere that wasn't too close to potentially awkward neighbours,' Jenny continues. The solution was a house on Lime Grove: 'Dickens had been casting around for a nice suburb and Shepherd's Bush seemed perfect.

Top: Urania Cottage (left) in Lime Grove circa 1913, next to the Gaumont Film Studios; Above: Charles Dickens, circa 1849

There were also good bus routes from town – just like there are now. In a letter, he described how you could catch a bus from Piccadilly or go to Hammersmith and walk. Dickens was actually quite secretive about Urania Cottage and was adamant that the girls should wear ordinary clothes, not uniforms, so that they wouldn't be recognised as coming from an institution and raise suspicions.

While he was sympathetic to the charitable aims of the project, it was the organisation and the firm-but-fair 'family' regime that most interested Dickens. 'He immediately seemed to have a clear vision of how Urania Cottage was going to be set up. For him it was like writing a novel but with real people.'

Humanitarian: Angela Burdett-Coutts was in her early 20s when she set up Urania Cottage

Jenny Hartley, author of The House of Fallen Women

Dickens asked his contacts in the prison service to recommend candidates to live at Urania Cottage. Most were destitute petty criminals or prostitutes and the intention was that they would be trained as domestic servants and then, after a year, sent to Australia (they had to agree to that beforehand). 'It was a school for servants in which they learned to clean, cook, wash, iron and run a house,' explains Jenny.
'But Dickens also insisted that they have school for two hours every morning – he was appalled that they couldn't read or write – and thought that their imaginations should be occupied. So they were encouraged to tend flower gardens and he acquired a piano and persuaded the composer John Hullah to teach them to sing and be musical. Really, the girls received 5-star treatment.'

'For Dickens, Urania Cottage was like writing a novel but with real people'

Personally, Dickens devoted a huge amount of time to Urania Cottage. 'As well devising the daily routine, he interviewed all the girls and got to know them very well. In letters, he describes going out to Shepherd's Bush in the evenings and walking back to town with his head full of their stories. Inevitably, these colourful tales informed his fiction. I don't think that was voyeuristic; if you are a novelist then everything is grist to the mill.'

Tracing what became of the alumni of Urania Cottage proved a laborious process and involved checking the names mentioned by Dickens with passenger lists of ships to Australia. Nonetheless, Jenny persisted and eventually tracked down an elderly lady in a retirement home in Melbourne. 'I asked her if the name Rosina Gale meant anything. She was very sweet and said: "Yes, she was my great grandmother." Rosina had been one of the first girls to enter the cottage and the lady was completely unaware of this part of her family history. I also found a girl called Rhena Pollard in Canada. I knew much more about her because she and Dickens had several run-ins while she was at the cottage. It would be typical of such a contrary girl that she popped up in Canada when everyone else went to Australia.'

In 1858, Dickens pulled out of the Urania Cottage project, probably because he had begun his affair with Nellie Turner, and it was wound up a few years later. But while this bold experiment lasted, it was, in Jenny's words, 'fantastically enlightened'. And there was one more curious twist to her research: 'While I was working on the book, I walked down Lime Grove and was very moved to discover that there's a hostel for the homeless there today. So really, the story has come full circle.'

The House of Fallen Women is published by Methuen on 5 October in hardback; priced £16.99
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Check mate

Have a fling with this season's Highlands-inspired trend. **Laia Farran Graves** explains

One of my favourite skirts was a pleated tartan mini – I wore it to death. Since then, tartan has had a (forgive me) chequered history thanks to its association with middle-aged tourists and golfers. So I'm not ashamed to admit I haven't attempted the tartan look since – despite its regular presence on the catwalk. This season though, tartan has changed, and I'm contemplating another Highland fling.

Tartan was big in the Seventies, thanks to the punk identity, paired with leather, safety pins, chains and heavy make-up. In the Eighties, the new romantics reprised the look, matching it with frilled white shirts and big belts. The Nineties saw it back with a vengeance, championed by such designers as Alexander McQueen, John Galliano and Vivienne Westwood.

Fast-forward 15 years and tartan is huge again, this time around combining both punk and romantic influences and worn in a refreshing, yet clashing way.

D&G, for example, mismatches the fabrics ('checks on checks'), while Roberto Cavalli styles his Just Cavalli collection with animal prints.

If you are looking to tighten your patent-leather belt however, there are some great high street alternatives. For that fashionista look, wear a short dress or skirt and clash different tartans. Check out Primark for a great wraparound dress (£14, 1 Kings Mall, King Street, W6 0PZ; 020 8748 7119).

For the more urban, tailored girl, pair a pencil skirt with a waisted, fitted jacket and a wide belt over it all for a perfect hourglass shape.

Alternatively, play it safe and simply add a splash of tartan to your autumn wardrobe – match a shirt to your favourite jeans, wear a flirty skirt with a plain polo neck or arm yourself with accessories – check out Jonathan Aston's tights (www.sockshop.co.uk). For an even simpler statement, just pin a Freedom by Topshop's corsage to your lapel.

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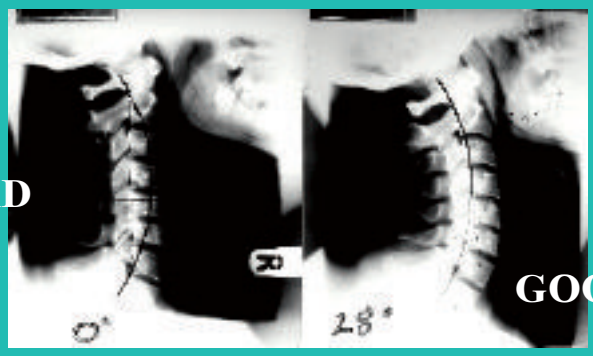

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Natural high

Confused by the profusion of 'organic' and 'natural' products? Let **Kamin Mohammadi** guide you through the shelves

Consumers are more aware than ever about the dangers of chemicals found in the products we rub on our skin. Recent warnings on potential breast cancer links between parabens and sodium lauryl sulphate have provoked thousands of women to anxiously scrutinise the ingredient list of their favourite products.

As a result, every year, dozens more brands launch newer, more 'natural' products, making statements about the purity of their creations, so navigating your way through these can be confusing.

What is the difference between 'natural' and 'organic'? Currently, any product can claim to be 'natural', as a cursory glance at the ingredients in some such products will tell you. 'Organic' products are easier to fathom: any brand can claim to be organic, but only those with the symbols of the Soil Association or Ecocert have passed all the organic regulations. The trick is to read the labels and shop carefully.

Natural products

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Organic products

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Table talk

William Douglas informs us what's happening on the local food scene

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New takeaway batters competition

Good old-fashioned fish 'n' chips seem to have become very fashionable in W4. The Catch and Reef have opened in the last few months and there's another new player on the scene. The popular Fishworks restaurant on Turnham Green Terrace is now serving takeaways, mainly using sustainably farmed Icelandic cod and also pollock when in season (customers can select other fish from the counter if preferred). Everything is made fresh to order, so calling in advance is advised – especially if you're hungry!

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To market, to market

The Acton Food Festival will be held at Acton Market from the 5-7 September starting 12-7pm. The family-friendly culinary extravaganza has been organised by the Action Acton Market Team and will take place alongside the regular Friday market, Saturday farmers'/arts&crafts market and Sunday arts&crafts market. Visitors will be able to sample a wide range of delicious food, from Vietnamese noodles and Indian samosas to excellent English pies and there will be live music, entertainment and children's activities on all three days.

The Mount, King Street, W3 6QS

Play it again, Sam

Sam's Brasserie & Bar in Chiswick has been shortlisted as one of the six restaurants chosen by ES readers in the '60 under £60' category at the London Restaurant Awards. Owner, Sam Harrison said, 'Being shortlisted shows that our reputation is spreading, which is fantastic.'

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Under review

Indian

Indian Zing
236 King Street, W6 0RF
020 8748 5959; www.indianzing.co.uk

I used to have a phobia about going out for a curry. Memories of rich dishes with eerie panpipe music and the inevitable blobs of orange mango chutney on the white tablecloths always seem to end with me feeling sick and uncomfortably full.

I used to under-eat on purpose and then would face a guilty explanation with the waiter when they came to take my plate away. Fortunately, when we dined at Indian Zing, the food arrived in light portions.

Tucked away on King Street, Indian Zing is an attractive restaurant headed up by owner Rahul Kulkarni and patron chef Manoj Vasaikar (of Chutney Mary fame). Named as one of London's Top 5 restaurants by the ES, it is definitely not part of the phaal-and-Kingfisher-beer-brigade, so favoured by men after a few pints.

Manoj hails from Maharashtra where the landscape ranges from rugged mountains to hot and fertile central plains – and the food is equally diverse. From 16-27 September, Manoj is preparing an array of regional dishes – creating a gastronomic tour of West India in W6 if you like.

I duly lugged off my partner and we decided to let Manoj do the choosing as we were a little mystified by the menu – certainly no kormas or onion bhajis here. Our feast began with a *kokum sherbat* (£4) – a cooling fruit drink for blistering Indian summers, but even on a rainy day in Hammersmith, it was refreshing!

We then dived into a *kothimbir wadi* (£4.50), a coriander and vegetable patty – it was supremely delicious and was our joint favourite. Next, the lobster *lonvas* (£11): succulent pieces of lobster with sun-dried masala and green beans. After this, we tried the lamb *pandhra rassa* (£8.60) which arrived steamed in almond and coconut milk and was comforting and flavoursome with tender pieces of lamb – great for a lukewarm day.

Dessert was *shrikhand* (strained yogurt wrapped in muslin cloth and hung for 24 hours) with summer berries (£5) and it ended the meal perfectly.

I left feeling full but not unbearably so though my partner, had the look of someone who ate all the papadums. Indian Zing was worlds away from being a fast-food curry house found on every high street and was a true celebration for all the senses.

INDIAN 3 MORE TO TRY

Guru Tandoori Restaurant
40 High Street, TW8 0DS
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Le Cinnamon India Room
158a Shepherd's Bush Road
W6 7PB; 020 7602 8899
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Monisha conducting a cookery lesson in her kitchen

Follow the turmeric road

Helen Crockett sets off in search of spice on the Fulham Curry Trail with culinary expert Monisha Bharadwaj

It's a Saturday afternoon and I'm standing outside West Kensington tube station with three others and Monisha Bharadwaj, our guide for the day. I've come for the Fulham Curry Trail, a council-organised cultural and culinary tour of North End Road.

I survey the others that have turned up: a French-born Fulham resident, a Brazilian who lives in the East End and a pensioner from Putney. Plus me, an intrigued out-of-towner. An unlikely selection of people perhaps – but when it comes to it, I'm not sure what I was expecting in the first place.

We cross the main road and head to the Bhavan Institute on Castletown Road, an Indian cultural centre that includes an art gallery and theatre, and offers yoga, dance and music classes. Sitting in the theatre, Mumbai-born Bharadwaj introduces us to Indian culture and geography. We touch on Bollywood and dance, (when she isn't hosting walks, Bharadwaj runs cookery courses and has a catering business) and then have a look around. A quick pit stop at the centre's shop, filled with ornaments, rugs, CDs, books and jewellery, then we're back on North End Road.

Before today, had someone told me that this busy thoroughfare is an Indian food mecca, I would have choked on my chicken Balti. The Fulham I know is an area of chic boutiques, coffee chains and hip restaurants and my only previous experience of North End Road has been sitting in rush-hour traffic. What a pleasant surprise to find that among the exhaust smoke and endless horns exists a slice of foodie heaven.

We make our way to The Lily Tandoori on Lillie Road for a spot of curry trivia. (In the UK, korma equals mild, madras means hot. But in India, dishes' names give no hint as to the level of heat contained within; you have to specify how hot – or risk singeing your taste buds!)

We are then assured that not all Indian dishes require a long list of obscure, hard-to-find ingredients. To prove the point, Bharadwaj hands out a recipe (*elaichi murgh* – cardamom flavoured chicken) for which we will now source the ingredients (nine, with oil and salt).

We head to a specialist shop – UR supermarket – pit-stopping to eye the colourful displays of fresh produce vying for pavement space with the contrasting British fruit 'n' veg stalls.

UR supermarket sells everything from fresh produce to tinned goods, nuts, rice and traditional Indian sweets. A stash of hookah pipes perches precariously on top of a fridge, while at the back is an Aladdin's cave of exotic spices; more than one could possibly know what to do with.

We manage to locate virtually all the ingredients here, yet we carry on to a few other shops, including 'award-winning butcher', Dickenson.

The final port of call on our culinary jaunt? The Indian equivelent of a greasy spoon: Masala Express, serving no-frills food (in our case, a tasty samosa) served by cheery staff. North End Road's take on café culture makes a nice change from the sanitised soya lattes of Fulham Broadway.

The Fulham Curry Trail, 13 September, 2.15-4.15pm (free)
For more information regarding Monisha's cookery courses contact: monishabharadwaj@hotmail.com
www.cookingwithmonisha.com

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- ★ **The Lily Tandoori** 86c Lillie Road SW6 1TL; 020 7385 1922
- ★ **UR supermarket** 266 North End Road, SW6 1NJ; 020 7610 2626
- ★ **Masala Express** 349 North End Road, SW6 1NN; 020 7386 8971

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FARSHAD RESTAURANT

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Why go there: A family-run authentic Persian restaurant boasting a hospitable atmosphere and a fantastic variety of freshly cooked and prepared dishes.
Promotions: All you can eat buffet, £5.50; Mon-Fri 12-3.30pm.
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High School Musical

Tucked away in Shepherd's Bush, is a house dedicated to the sweet sounds of children making music. **Neil McKelvie** lifts the lid

'We believe passionately that music should be for life and that it definitely should be fun. Of course, not all the children we teach will become amazing musicians, but that's not the point. It's about them being the best they can and really enjoying making and sharing music with others.' Sofia Wilde, the education manager of Music House for Children, is succinctly explaining to me the philosophy of the Shepherd's Bush organisation that offers a wealth of musical opportunities for children of all ages. It's an ethos that has proved very successful.

Over the last 14 years, through its pioneering 'out-house' and 'in-house' programmes, Music House has provided private and group instrumental tuition and workshops for tens of thousands of young people – from toddlers to teenagers.

And it all began in classic 'kitchen-table' style. 'Music House was started in 1994 by Emma Hutchinson and operated from her home,' Sofia continues. 'At that time, she was teaching piano to private clients in London and often, if she didn't have time to take on a new pupil, she would be asked for a recommendation. It dawned on Emma that with less funding for, and focus on music teaching in schools, there was a demand for a high-quality alternative – and that was the inspiration for Music House.'

The Music House operation divides into 'out-house' one-to-one tuition at the pupils' homes and 'in-house' classes held at its HQ next to Bush Hall on Uxbridge Road. 'If someone is interested in one-to-one home tuition we send out a detailed registration form in which we ask for as much information as possible about the child, their personality and the music they want to play,' says Sofia. 'There are no restrictions on style so,

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Violinist Vanessa Mae on a recent trip to the Music House. Pictured with Tamsin Healey and pupils!

Emma Hutchinson and Sofia Wilde

for example, if they want to learn contemporary styles then that's absolutely fine.'

Once all the details have been gathered, the Music House team carefully match the children with the best teacher for their favourite instrument tand their age and ability.

'We have a huge database of freelance teachers (about 120) who have all been interviewed by us and are reference and CRB-checked,' Sofia tells me. 'They come from a variety of backgrounds – some may have gone to popular music schools, others to the Royal College of Music, but they're all experienced teachers – that's essential. The fact that they come with different methods also helps us to find the best teacher for a particular pupil. 'The system works very well. And if a parent wants their child to prepare for a specific exam then we have teachers who can help with that too.'

The starting age for 'in-house' tuition in keyboards, guitar, percussion and violin is five years old. Children are put in groups according to their ability and the 45-minute classes are held once a week with a maximum of six pupils.

'Group tuition is a fantastic starting point,' smiles Sofia. 'It's a social event and it gives children an idea of what learning an instrument is all about. We've also started to offer two-to-one tuition, which provides more focused learning and is perfect for older, more accomplished pupils.'

> 'We believe passionately that music should be for life and it definitely should be fun'

At the end of the academic year, children in both programmes join forces for a concert in the atmospheric surroundings of Bush Hall. 'It's inspirational because it gives them the chance to play alongside their peers,' says Sofia. 'Also, we've started to get the teachers to perform with them and that's really lovely.'

Inevitably, Music House is often approached by parents who are keen that their under-fives start learning an instrument. That's where the Bush Kids Music Appreciation programme comes in. 'It is a general introduction to music for three to six year olds,' explains Sofia. 'They get the opportunity to listen to different styles and we do exercises where the children walk around a room to a crotchet beat or run around to quavers. It's all great fun – the children learn without realising it.'

In addition to its study programmes, Music House also offers interactive Music and Movement classes for toddlers (up to three years old) trains music and movement teachers, works with children considered at risk of offending and provides peripatetic and classroom teachers for schools. Clearly its net is spread wide and that means, as a not-for-profit organisation, funding is a constant preoccupation. 'All profits are channelled back into Music House but buying instruments is an expensive business,' confirms Sofia. 'Fortunately, people are generous about donating ones that they no longer want.'

Dedicated to fostering a lifelong love of music and filling the void left by the diminishing level of funding for music teaching in schools, Music House for Children is a superb community resource. And if you happen to have a long-neglected instrument in the loft gathering dust, you now know what to do with it!

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Sex of pupils: Girls
Age of pupils: 4+ years – 11 years
Term dates for 08/09: 3 September-17 December
7 January-1 April; 22 April-15 July
Fees per term: £2,879 per term (excluding compulsory lunch fee)
Religious denomination: Non-denominational
Average class size: 20-24
Exam pass rate: SATS - 100% of girls taking the test achieved Level 4 (expected standard for 11 year olds) 100% achieved Level 5 (English & Science) and 95% (Maths) expected standard for 13 year olds
Special facilities: Science lab, art / design room, use of the swimming pool and music facilities in the Senior School
School ethos: Girls are encouraged to approach the world with curiosity and creativity, to express their views and feeling and to develop a real enjoyment of learning
Open days: Thursday, 25 September at 2.00pm; Monday, 6 October at 2.00pm; Wednesday, 15 October at 8.45am Friday, 14 November at 2.00pm; Wednesday, 26 November at 8.45am

Notting Hill and Ealing High School – Senior Department

2 Cleveland Road, W13 8AX
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Age of pupils: 11-18
Number of pupils: 594
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Fees per term: £3700
Religious denomination: Non-denominational
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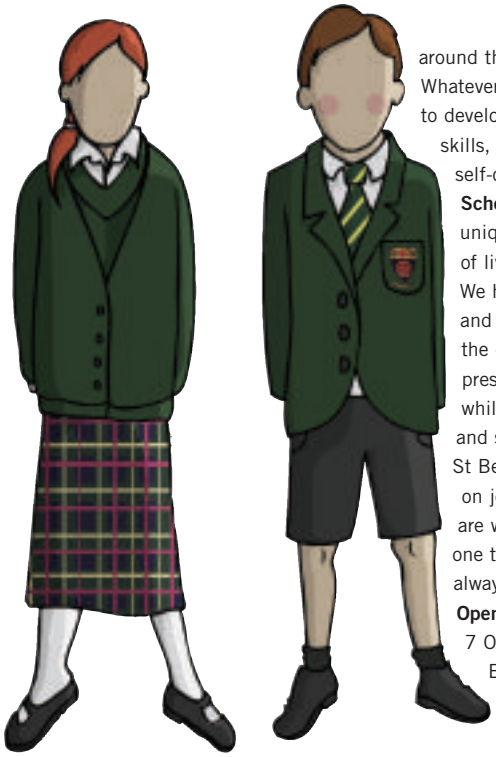
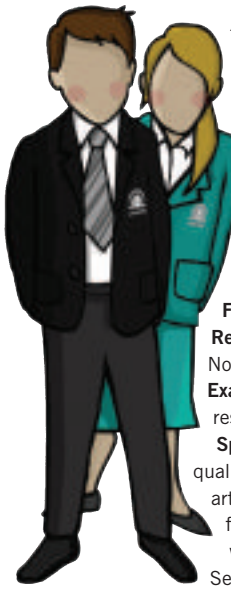
Headmaster: Mr C J Cleugh, BSc, MSc
Sex of pupils: Co-educational
Age of pupils: 4-18 years
Number of pupils: 940
Average class size: 22
Term dates for 08/09: 3 September-17 December; 7 January-3 April 22 April-3 July
Fees per term 08/09: £3,360-£3,820
Religious denomination: Roman Catholic but other faiths accepted
Extra-curricular facilities: The Junior School offers a varied hobbies programme with five or six different activities each evening. In the Senior School, there are more than 60 clubs and societies, with something for everyone and for all ages. Numerous excursions are undertaken to London, around the country and abroad. Whatever the activity, students are encouraged to develop their leadership and organisational skills, develop self-reliance and to grow in self-confidence.



School ethos: St Benedict's is proud of its uniqueness. Our mission, 'Teaching a way of living', defines us as a Benedictine school. We have high expectations of our students and set out to equip them to deal with the challenges that life in the 21st century presents, teaching them the joys of learning whilst enabling them to retain a moral and spiritual sensibility.
St Benedict's is more than a school – on joining, students and their families are welcomed into our community, one to which their heart and spirit will always belong.
Open days: Mornings: 17 September 7 October, 10 and 20 November, 3 December Evenings: 2 October for Sixth Form and 16 October for all other years



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020 8987 6600
www.artsed.co.uk
pupils@artsed.co.uk
Headmaster: Oliver Price, BEd (Hons)
Sex of pupils: Co-educational
Age of pupils: 11-18 years
Fees per term 08/09: £3,600
Religious denomination: Non-denominational
Exam pass rate: 100 per cent A-Level results; outstanding GCSE results
Special facilities: The school offers high quality tuition in dance, drama, music and art alongside academic subjects. A new foundation course in musical theatre will be offered in the Sixth Form from September '08
School ethos: Academic development is given as high a priority as vocational work, ensuring the success and progress of all
Open days: 7 October and 18 November; contact Rosalie Jones for details: 020 8987 6600

Avenue House School

70 The Avenue, W13 8LS
020 8998 9981
www.avenuehouse.org
avenuehouseschool@btinternet.com
Headmistress: Mrs Carolyn Self
Deputy head: Mrs Imogen McCormick
Sex of pupils: Co-educational
Age of pupils: 3-11 yrs
Number of pupils: 140
Term dates for 08/09: 4 September-12 December; 7 January-1 April 20 April-3 July
Fees per term: £1600-£2600
Religious denomination: Non-denominational
Extra-curricular activities: Art, drama, choir football, rugby, tennis, ICT, ballet, karate Mandarin, day trips to London
School ethos: Every child should be treated as an individual and given the freedom to grow and develop at their own rate.
Secondary Schools: Latymer, Godolphin & Latymer, The John Lyon School, St Benedict's St Helen's, Notting Hill & Ealing, Heathfield
Open days: Individual appointments made with the head or deputy

Aston House

1 Aston Road, W5 2RL
020 8566 7300
www.happychild.co.uk
ahj.head@happychild.co.uk
Headmistress: Paula Seabrook BA Hons MA
Sex of pupils: Co-educational
Age of pupils: 2-11 years
Term dates for 08/09: 4 September-12 December; 6 January-3 April 28 April-10 July
Fees per term: £1150-£2851
Religious denomination: Non-denominational
Average class size: 16-18
Exam pass rate: 11+ exams, 99 per cent pass rate to schools of choice
Special facilities: Pre and after school care provision for SEN (Special Education Needs), provision for EAL (English as an Additional Language), extra curricular clubs, discounts for siblings
School ethos: Aston House offers superb education within a warm, caring environment. Children are encouraged to work at their own pace, to develop independence and to participate in a wide range of opportunities – both academic and extra curricular. Well qualified, experienced staff provide support and stimulation so that all children leave the school confident and successful
Open days: 11 October

Hampton Court House

Hampton Court Road
East Molesey, KT8 9BS
020 8943 0889,
www.hamptoncourthouse.co.uk
sarah@hamptoncourthouse.co.uk
Headmistress: Eliana Houstoun-Boswall
Sex of pupils: Co-educational
Age of pupils: 3-18 (Bilingual-French) catering from Nursery age up to and including, Year 3
Term dates for 08/09: 4 Sept–12 Dec; 6 Jan–27 Mar; 21 Apr–3 Jul
Fees per term 08/09: Nursery to Year 1 mornings £2,426; full day £3,050 Years 2–6: £3,454; Years 7–11: £3,896
Religious denomination: Any welcome
Average class size: 15–20
Exam pass rate: GCSE 83% (A*- C)
Special facilities: On site sports facilities
School ethos: On one hand, there is a clear focus on the traditional systematic side of teaching. On the other hand children's opinions and criticisms are actively encouraged along with intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm. They are consequently forthcoming, inquisitive, confident and imaginative.
Open days: Tuesday 14 October: 10am - midday; Saturday 15 November: 10am - midday

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Kew Green Preparatory School

Layton House, Ferry Lane, TW9 3AF
020 8948 5999; secretary@kgps.co.uk
Headmistress: Mrs Maria Gardener
Sex of pupils: Co-educational
Age of pupils: 4-11 years
Term dates for 08/09: 4 Sept–12 December
Fees per term 08/09: £3,969
Religious denomination: None
Average class size: 20
Exam pass rate: Children progress to London's top senior schools
School ethos: Effective learning is achieved without pressure, in a warm and nurturing environment. They work on the basis of keeping pupils from age four to secondary transfer at 11 years. KGPS allow children to develop at their own pace, providing a rich curriculum where music, art, sport and the humanities are given a full weighting alongside Maths, Science and English. KGPS strives to inculcate in pupils self-esteem and respect for others.
Open days: 25 September; 15 October; 19 November

St John's Beaumont

Priest Hill, Old Windsor, SL4 2JN
01784 432428; www.stjohnsbeaumont.org.uk
admissions@stjohnsbeaumont.co.uk
Headmaster: Mr Giles E F Delaney BA (Hons), PGCE
Sex of pupils: Boys
Age of pupils: 4-13 years
Term dates for 08/09: 8 September-12 December; 7 January-27 March 20 April-9 July
Fees per term 08/09: Pre-prep £2,300 prep £4,290; weekly boarding £5,640
Religious denomination: Roman Catholic but all religions are welcome
Special facilities: Archery, art, athletics, badminton, choir, fencing football, orchestra, polo, tennis, rock climbing, rowing and scuba diving
School ethos: St John's offers a variety of opportunities and experiences, laying the foundation for academic and personal success. It prepares boys for some of the top public schools in the country and has won many academic, music art, drama and sport scholarships

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Hillcrest Road, W5 2JL
020 8997 2022
www.saintaugustinespriory.org.uk
registrar@staugustinespriory.org.uk
Headmistress: Mrs F.J. Gumley-Mason M.A. (Cantab)
Sex of pupils: Girls
Age of pupils: 4-18 years
Number of pupils: 500 (from Prep to Sixth Form)
Term dates for 08/09: 3 September-12 December; 7 January-1 April 20 April-3 July
Fees per term: £2,365-£3,300
Religious denomination: A Catholic school that welcomes and learns from other faiths
Extra-curricular activities: Numerous sports clubs, orchestras, choirs and musical ensembles Chinese language, drama ballet, science clubs (including astronomy) and Duke of Edinburgh's Award to Gold level. Public Speaking is also a real strength
School ethos: Set in 13 acres of old fields and gardens this independent Catholic school for girls is ranked 23rd in the Daily Telegraph's 2008 listing and has a philosophy of motivation rather than pressure which produces outstanding results
Exam pass rate: 2007: 41% of all A-Level Grades at A 59.1% of all GCSE Grades at A*/A)
Open days: For Year 7: 18 September; for Year 12: 3 October for Reception: 15 October; for Year 7: Thursday 20 November

The Godolphin and Latymer School

Iffley Road, W6 0PG
020 8741 1936
www.godolphinandlatymer.com
office@godolphinandlatymer.com
Headmistress: Miss Margaret Rudland (Mrs Ruth Mercer from January '09)
Sex of pupils: Girls
Age of pupils: 11-18 years
Term dates for 08/09: 3 September-18 December; 7 January-27 March 22 April-9 July
Fees per term 08/09: £4,490 (£4,782 from January)
Religious denomination: Non-denominational
Average class size: 20 (10 in Sixth Form)
Exam pass rate: 100 per cent
Special facilities: Hockey pitch, netball/tennis courts, over 20 music rooms, science labs art studios and a pottery studio
Extra-curricular activities: The school offers a wide range of activities which are shown on the back of the school calendar issued each term
School ethos: Girls are encouraged to be committed and become independent learners and embrace challenges within a caring and supportive community
Open days: First year entrance: 18 September 6 October, 11 November – all 4.45pm-6.30pm Sixth Form entrance (including the International Baccalaureate Diploma), 2 October

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Out & about

Pictured: 250,000 Smarties made this the largest and sweetest mural in the world!

Our dedicated social snappers are always about, capturing the best of local events. Have you been caught on camera?

Leiths dishes out awards

The winners of the Leiths School of Food and Wine 2008 awards were announced recently, following their end of year exams. Sponsored by Laurent-Perrier, Louis Latour Agencies, Brown Brothers and BBC Good Food Magazine, the awards – held at the cookery school in Hammersmith – recognised a high degree of excellence in the performance of these outstanding students.

Peter Lien was awarded the Laurent-Perrier Student of the Year after achieving outstanding results in all disciplines, Rupert Holden achieved the highest score on the WSET intermediate level wine exam sponsored by Louis Latour, Jemma Freudenberg-Morphet and Rebecca Smith have each won a six-month work experience placement at BBC Good Food Magazine and Andrew Holland created a fig tarte tatin and won the Brown Brothers award (and the judges' hearts!)

Above: Managing director of Leiths, Camilla Schneideman with the BBC Good Food Award winners; above right: Peter Lien winner of the Laurent Perrier Award and right: Andrew Holland winner of the Brown Brothers award

Above: Kate Olsen and Frank Chambers

The sweet story behind Chiswick Park's record-breaking mural

Over 4,000 employees and citizens at Chiswick Park, W4 used 250,000 Smarties to create a mural depicting major London landmarks including The London Eye, Big Ben, The Royal Albert Hall and Wembley Stadium. The finished result totalled almost 500 sq ft and currently holds the record for the largest mural ever created.

The event aims to promote London to visitors to enjoy the spectacular attractions of the capital. The mural is designed to encourage people to make the most of what the city has to offer, highlighting London's major landmarks and iconic buildings.

Frank Chambers, adjudicator for Guinness World Records said, 'The Chiswick Park mosaic is really fabulous - you can see the Smarties colours all the way through the park. Great teamwork and really well done.'

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Bedroom tricks

As the nights get cooler, **Juliet Pospielovsky** tells us how to add instant warmth to our bedrooms on a budget

Pictured: the bedroom design and reclaimed teak from Retrouvius, refurbishment by Robin Ellis

A bedroom is often an expensive factor in a big renovation project and this one – an old mews house which was part of a clever refurbishment project by Robin Ellis – needed a lot of budget. 'When it came to the bedroom,' says Maria Speake of Retrouvius, a reclamation and design company, 'there wasn't a lot of cash left over.' This hurdle, however, was helped by Retrouvius's inspired design philosophy.

'We like to use architectural salvage as much as possible and bridge the gap between destruction and construction, using old materials imbues the design with natural warmth that would be hard to create otherwise.'

The striking bed plinth and the exquisite simple shelf, for example, were both created from reclaimed solid teak from Retrouvius's constant supply of reclaimed hardwoods.

'It's wonderful to be able to specify this quality of material,' says Maria. The lengthy shelf creates the illusion of a bedhead and the addition of two wall-mounted silk screens that have been illuminated from behind, give an altar-like feel and an inviting glow.

Also integral to this design are Retrouvius' choice of decoration – colour is subtle; from the tonal paint shades in sludgy mud colours, the natural flax linen curtain treatment and neutral bedlinen to an extra layering of colour – a mustard yellow wool blanket and the vivid reds of the Cole and Sons Wallpaper Factory silk screens.

'Wood accessories are always very characterful,' adds Maria. The wall-mounted Turkish bread pans are antique shop finds and the oak floor boards add cosiness and contribute to the relaxing, hideaway feel.

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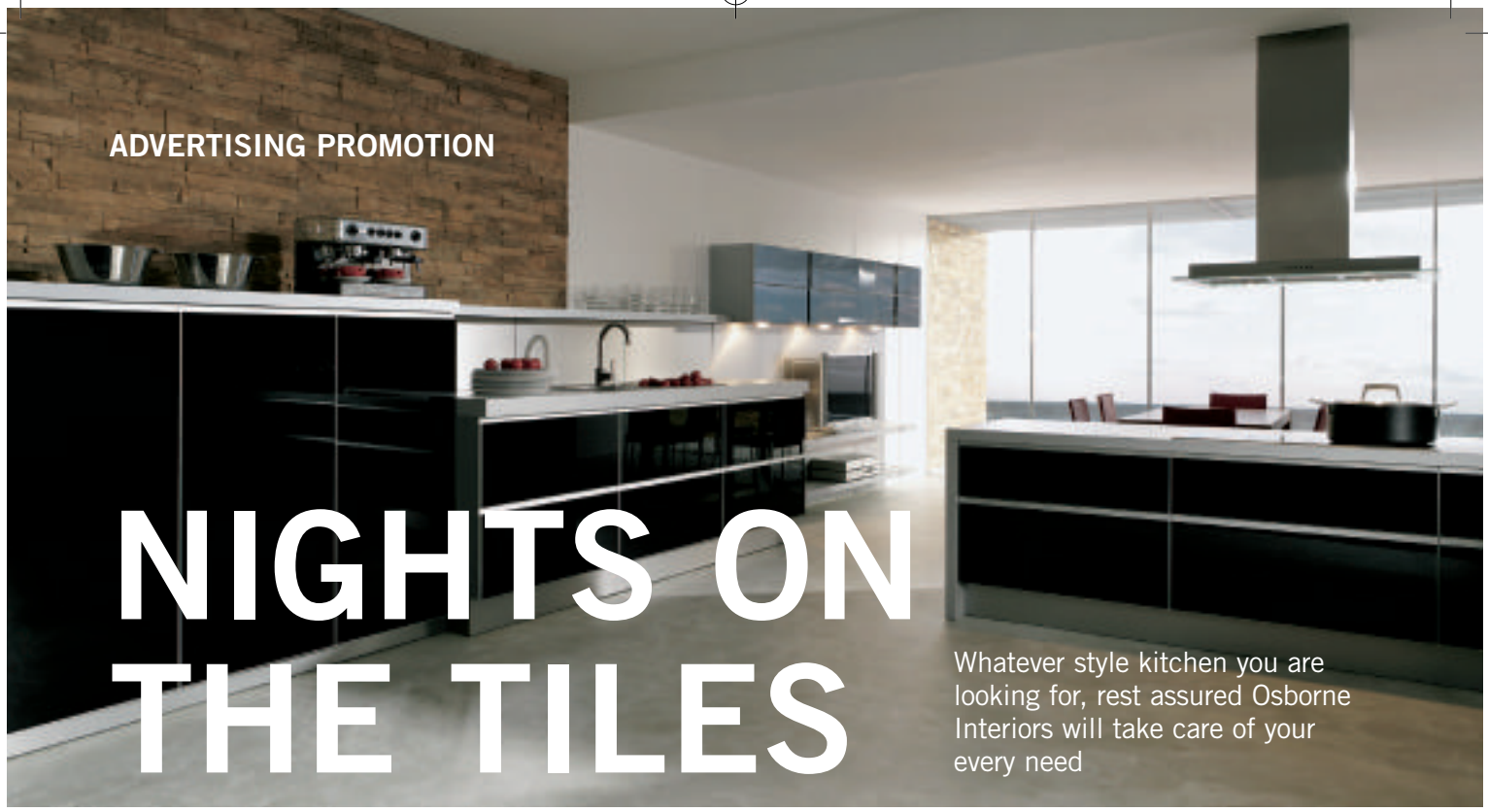

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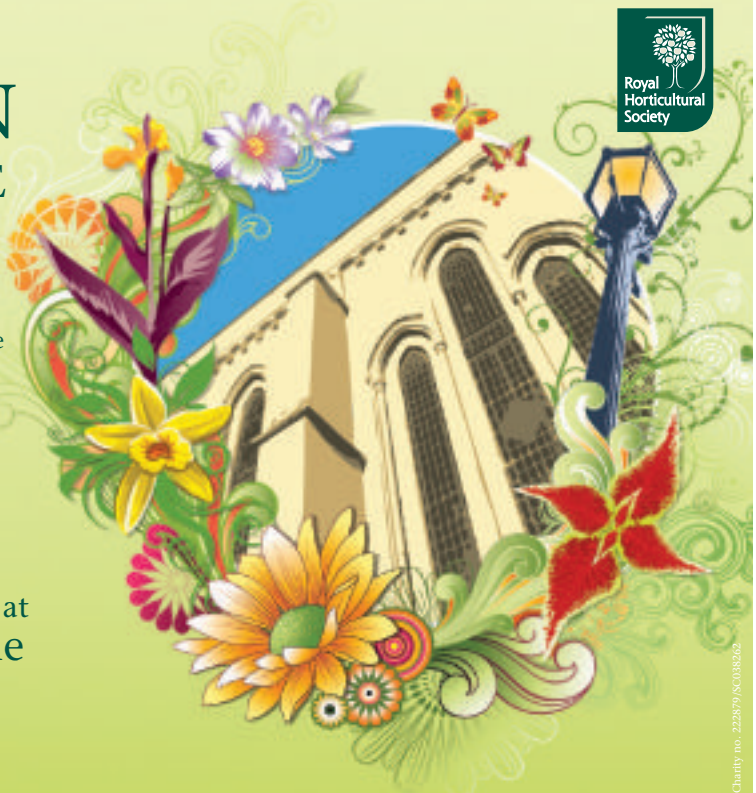

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Seedy does it

Plant now and reap the benefits next spring, advises **Andrew Duff**

It may surprise you, but September is the time to get actively planting bulbs. Spring flowering bulbs make extensive root growth if planted in early autumn and the results are a much better flowering display.

It is also worth considering that the longer these are left unplanted, the more susceptible they are to disease. One of the downsides about bulbs is the unsightly foliage they leave behind and much debate takes place over the best method of removing it. If left, it can ruin the effect of summer plants coming through. To keep things simple, it's best to plant the bulbs in large plastic flower pots and once the bulbs push through, to transplant the entire pot into the ground. When the bulbs have finished flowering, simply remove the pot, taking with it dead foliage and replant with summer annuals.

If you have a large garden, experiment by creating a dedicated area for spring flowering planting. This will provide a concentrated oasis of colour and scent and so in a smaller garden, is most effective closer to the house. If space is a consideration, remember that most garden plants can also be planted in pots and containers.

When selecting bulb varieties, I steer clients towards British classics such as bold coloured tulips including flame coloured Prinses Irene and the bright yellow Yokohama in addition to early flowering daffodils like February Gold and crocuses, which lend themselves to informal planting clusters in lawns. Plant in large single species groups for dramatic effect or in smaller groups of differing varieties for a rustic country cottage feel.

Spring flowering shrubs can also form the backbone of your display. I try to plant a show-stopping Chimonanthus praecox – also known as Wintersweet – in all my clients' gardens; its bare woody stems simply drip with gloriously fragrant, pendent yellow flowers, tinged with purple in the centre. Try the early flowering rosemary, with its sky-blue flowers and scented foliage – and don't forget the Pearl Bush Exochorda x Macrantha – 'The Bride' – with its branches arching in sprays of pure white drama.

> 'A little careful planning in autumn can provide the most exciting visual treats of the year'

In my passion for all things garden-related, I have discovered a really useful discussion-based website called Plants Reunited. The site gets keen gardeners chatting beyond the garden fence on all sorts of topics. It's also a great forum to seek out, sell and swap rare and unique gardening items and plants that are this season's 'must haves'. www.plantsreunited.com.

Andrew Duff is a director at the Inchbald School of Garden Design www.inchbald.co.uk

The conductor

John Gibbons is the conductor of the Ealing Symphony Orchestra. Their next performance will be on 4 October

Tell us a little bit about what you do
I plan our concert programmes and the soloists we invite to perform with us. The orchestra knows that I love our programmes to consist of a mixture of well-known pieces and neglected masterpieces, so they support me in my wacky ideas, like our complete Malcolm Arnold Symphonies series – the first ever in London – with Symphony No.3 appearing in our first concert of the season in October.

What got you into conducting?
It was at school where I was allowed to work with two of the school bands. I also organized regular Christmas choirs in my home village of Minstead in the New Forest.

Can you tell us what makes a good conductor?
The series of 'Maestro' which was on BBC2 last month gave viewers the chance to see that conducting is much more difficult than it appears. A clear beat is important, but conducting is about far more than that – it's about imparting your vision of the music to the assembled forces.

Do you have any tips on any new composers to look out for?
We have performed a number of pieces by local composer Laura Rossi, who is making quite a name for herself.

You won an award from the British Music Society. Can you tell us a bit about that?
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> 'Appreciation of classical music only requires ears and an open mind'

What's been your most memorable conducting experience?
That's a difficult question - I just know I'm exceedingly lucky to do a job I love! It was certainly exhilarating conducting the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in front of 25,000 people and conducting one of my own pieces on BBC1 with the Clifton Cathedral Choir was brilliant too. Perhaps the most memorable would be conducting Ealing Symphony Orchestra at the opening of the open-air theatre, atop Lady Walton's house on the island of Ischia in the Bay of Naples. There were panoramic views of the Mediterranean I don't think any of us will forget it.

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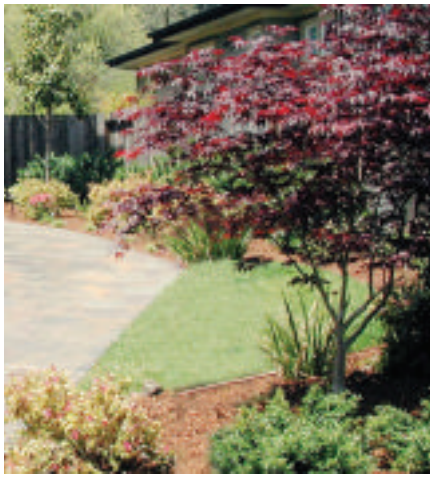

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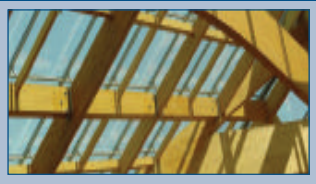
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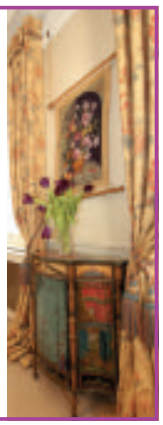

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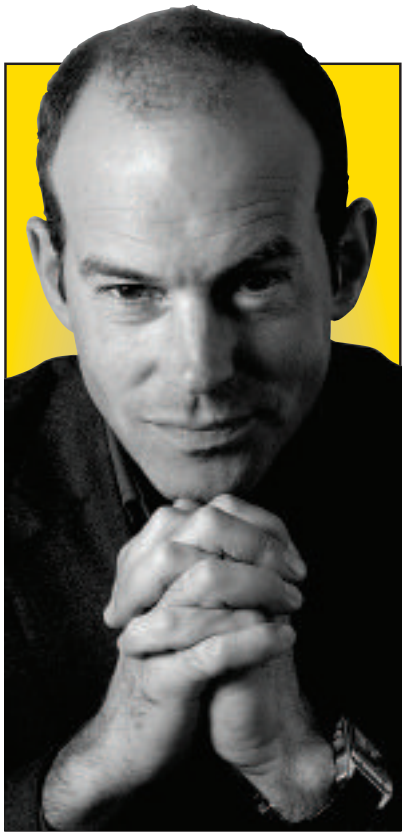

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It's a nasty shock when we don't make money on property – especially as we've come to expect it. The combination of reduced affordability and slower market conditions mean that our ability to move up the ladder is severely restricted. If you're serious about increasing equity or making money from property in the future, then you're going to have to make a conscious effort to outperform the market, rather than simply ride it. It isn't how much you spend on improvements that counts - it's what you spend it on that really matters.

So as we all tighten our belts you're going to want to make sure that the money you spend is really worth it; that whatever you do will not only make your home nice, it will mean you can remain in it for longer and that the work will more than pay for itself when it comes to the time to sell.

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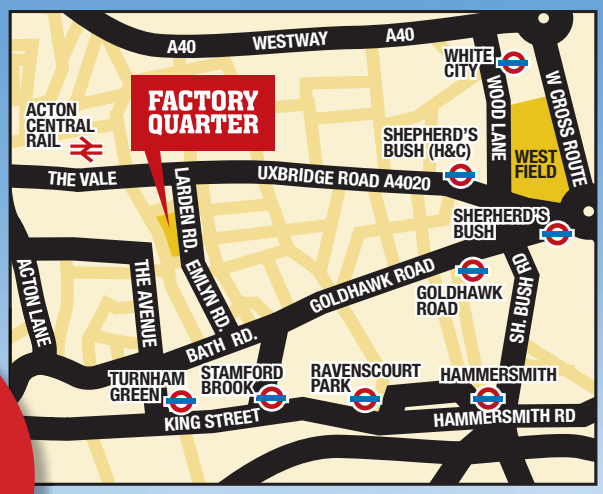

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Woodstock Road OIRO
£850,000 FH

An attractive four/five bedroom Victorian family house situated in the heart of Bedford Park and only a few moments walk of Turnham Green tube station.

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£795,000 FH

A superbly situated five bedroom Victorian house located on a quiet residential street moments from the amenities of Chiswick High Road. No onward chain.

Bedford Park Mansions
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A spacious two double bedroom second floor apartment in this sought after mansion block in Chiswick's premier residential road. No chain.

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A stunning two double bedroom garden flat forming part of this new development and occupying a quiet corner location. 910 sq ft and with off street parking.

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£455,000 SoF

A spacious two double bedroom third floor apartment in this popular and conveniently located mansion block only moments from the Chiswick High Road.

St James Court
£415,000 SoF

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Magdalen House
£355,950 LH

A superbly presented two double bedroom, two bathroom ground floor apartment in this popular block located close to the Chiswick High Road. Secure allocated parking space.

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Queen Anne's Grove
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A stunning detached Grade II listed five bedroom family house which has been refurbished to a high standard throughout. Off street parking, landscaped garden.

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A stunning six bedroom, three reception Norman Shaw house situated in the heart of Bedford Park and conveniently located for Turnham Green Tube.

Kingscote Road
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A fabulous five bedroom, three bathroom detached house conveniently situated in a secluded quiet street close to the Chiswick High Road. Unfurnished

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A stunning four bedroom, two bathrooms family home situated within this exclusive gated development on the River Thames.

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£315,000

The Avenue W4

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Burnaby Gardens, W4

£1,450pw Unfurnished

A beautifully presented five bedroom end of terrace house with spacious living accommodation featuring extended double reception kitchen/diner, garden, off street parking and further comprises master bedroom with ensuite, four double bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room and large cellar.

Binden Road, W12

£875pw Unfurnished

A lovely semi detached family house within walking distance of transport links. The property is arranged over four floors and comprises double reception room, 20ft kitchen/dining room, four double bedrooms, two bathrooms and garden to the rear.

Broadway Chambers, W6

£350pw Unfurnished

A unique flat in central Hammersmith situated on the top floor of a commercial building featuring a spectacular private roof terrace with views over London. Currently being refurbished, the property comprises double bedroom and single bedroom.

Chesterfield Road, W4

£800pw Un/furnished

A well presented four bedroom, two bathroom house arranged over three floors offers spacious living accommodation with two receptions and features stunning front and rear gardens plus a garage.

Grange Road, W5

£600pw Furnished

This large three bedroom flat is situated in a modern block moments from Ealing Broadway. The property boasts two bathrooms, two balconies and off street parking.

Ferry Lane TW8

£550pw Furnished

A stunning two bedroom apartment in a modern development which has been furnished to a high standard and boasts direct river views, two bathrooms, porter and secure parking.

Oxford South South, W4

£400pw Furnished

This lovely two bedroom garden flat is situated on the ground floor of a period conversion and boasts a spacious reception room, with bay window and fireplace and eat in kitchen. There is a 60 ft south facing garden, cellar and off street parking.

Great West Quarter, TW8

£260pw Furnished

A stunning one bedroom flat in a popular Art Deco building furnished to a very high standard, featuring wood floors, an impressive gym, 24 hour porterage and underground parking.

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Marlborough Crescent, W4 **£799,950**

A charming Grade II listed detached house, in Bedford Park. Comprises three spacious bedrooms, bathroom/WC, three reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom/WC and shallow gardens to all sides. Freehold.

Barrowgate Road, W4 **£650,000**

A ground floor flat in an imposing Victorian house. Comprises reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, bathroom, two bedrooms, cellar and a private section of garden within a shared garden. Leasehold.

Cope Studios, W4 **£500,000**

A delightful house, comprising two bedrooms with access to a roof terrace, family bathroom, reception room, kitchen with utility room and a patio garden that can also be used for off street parking. Freehold.

Geraldine Road, W4 **£485,000**

A beautifully presented Edwardian terraced house, benefiting from two bedrooms, loft room, double reception room, kitchen and bathroom and a patio garden. Situated in the heart of Strand on the Green. Freehold.

Aylmer Road, W12 **£430,000**

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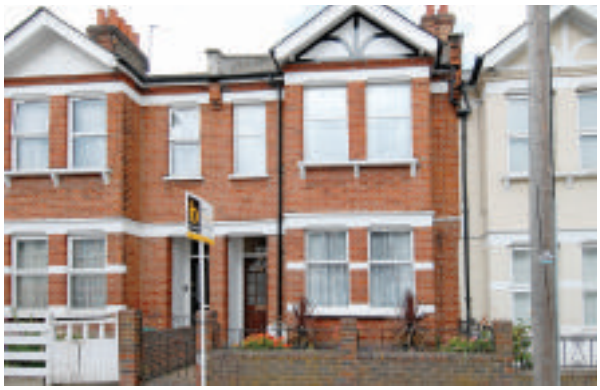
Dordrecht Road, W3 **£749,950** ACTON

A four bedroom Edwardian house comprising a double reception room, an impressive kitchen/breakfast area, cloakroom, bathroom, patio doors leading onto a 38' garden and a double garage. Freehold.



Berrymead Gardens, W3 **£535,000** ACTON

A three bedroom Edwardian house located south of Acton High Street, within the borders of Chiswick. Comprises two receptions, downstairs cloakroom and kitchen/diner, leading onto a private garden. Freehold.

Shakespeare Road, W3 **£515,000** ACTON

This Victorian three bedroom house comprises a reception/dining room with French doors leading onto a well kept private garden, a kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom and separate WC. Freehold.

Hartswood Road, W12 **£1,650,000** HAMMERSMITH

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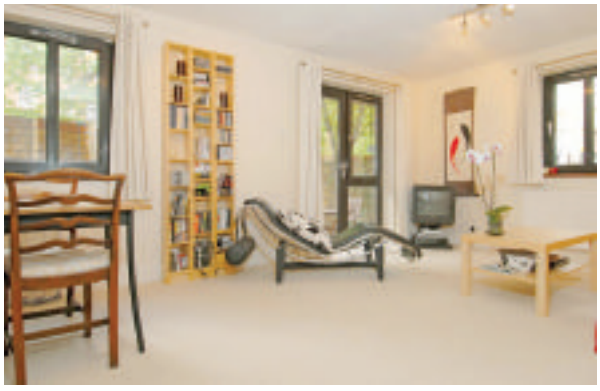

Dalling Road, W6 **£380,000** HAMMERSMITH

A spacious ground floor purpose built flat within walking distance of Ravenscourt Park tube. This property comprises two double bedrooms, one with en suite bathroom, private patio garden and off street parking.

Kings Court W6 **£245,000** HAMMERSMITH

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Waldeck Road, W4 **£575 pw**

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A three bedroom terraced house, offering a fantastic living space, including a double reception room, large kitchen/breakfast room and private garden. Situated on a sought after road in Strand on the Green.

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Beavor Grove, W6 **£380 pw**

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Lime Grove W12 **£290 pw**

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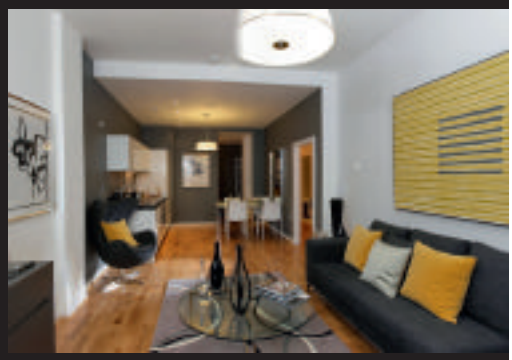

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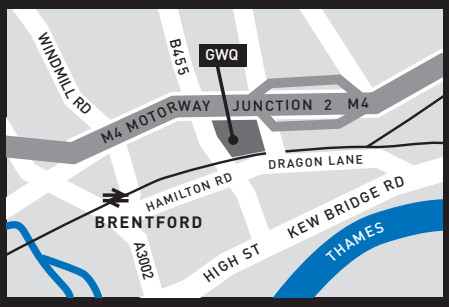

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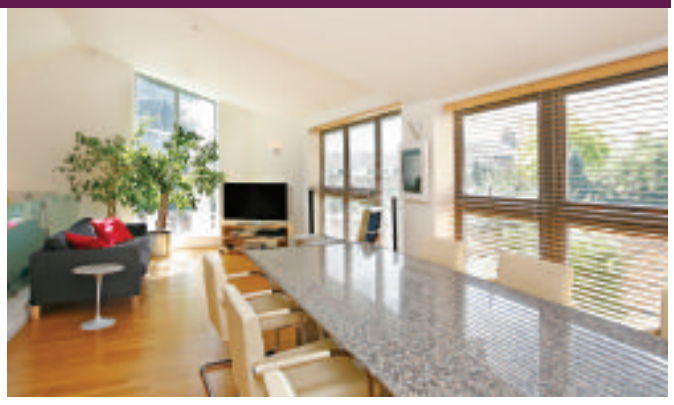

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LEADERS IN LETTINGS

A Firm Foundation

by Danielle Simpson

One of Chiswick's best known property businesses is surging ahead

Letting agent Fitz-Gibbon was established in Chiswick over twenty years ago and is known for its knowledgeable staff and strong ties with the corporate market. In all the areas covered by the local office – Acton, Ealing, Chiswick, Shepherds Bush, Chiswick to Hammersmith - landlords reap the benefits of two decades spent developing strong relationships with key relocation agencies and global corporations to give the best results. *"We reach a massive audience and because we plough huge investment into local and national marketing we're trusted to reach thousands of prospective tenants in banking, embassies and the City"* explains Susan Fitz-Gibbon, Partner. *"We also employ a dedicated PR who ensures our clients homes are showcased in key property titles and the local and national press"*.

Providing First-Class Assistance

Twenty years ago, lettings was seen as a 'tag on' to estate agency but today the industry stands in its own right. Fitz-Gibbon has spent years developing a full lettings service which is used by property investors around the world and the firm also deals with some very large property portfolios. People relocating to the area, whether from the UK or abroad, can expect a bespoke service which is second to none: it might well include furniture rental or a school placement service for their children. *"It's increasingly hard for parents to find their children places in good schools so our expertise and the knowledge of our specialist can prove invaluable"* explains Susan.

Indeed, the home furnishing service is highly acclaimed. *"The service is founded on total flexibility and a 'can do' culture"* Susan explains. *"We offer purchase and leasing options as well as short and long-term furnishing solutions from reputable suppliers who are specialists in this field. We can fully furnish and accessorize virtually any size of property within just 48 hours and our range of packages span from bespoke options to ready-made solutions of complementary furniture. Our clients are busy people and we do everything possible to accommodate their needs. Many require a complete 'turn key' package but others are only after an accessory pack for the kitchen. Whatever their requirements, we deliver each solution using our signature first-class service and attention to detail"*. Furniture packages are competitively priced and start at £2196.00 for a one bedroom property and go up to £4220.00 for a two bedroom home (plus VAT and delivery).

Developers too have come to rely on the help and advice of Fitz-Gibbon. *"Because we are a completely independent lettings agent our rental appraisal service can prove very useful"* explains Susan. *"We were recently approached by Barratt to appraise the landmark new development in Brentford, 'Great West Quarter' and it was good to be able to use our experience here as we had also worked with St Georges, Fariview and Barratt on projects in the area like Capital West, Ferry Quays and Rivers House"*. Regional Managing Director of Barratt London and the Thames Gateway, Adam Lawrence, said *"GWQ is not just a successful large-scale regeneration project – it is one of the jewels in the crown of our London operation and it's crucial all the information we gather is sound. Fitz-Gibbon has a solid reputation and is one of the agents we have come to rely on in this area of London"*.

Strong Demand is Key to the Buoyant Lettings Market

Over the years, the partners have seen an increasing demand for properties in the Chiswick area due to its close proximity to the Thames, good schools, and road and rail links. *"Most flats and smaller houses are valued a little over what they were ten years ago in terms of rental prices but whilst rents may not have kept pace with rises in the sales market, we have seen a steady increase in demand"* says Susan. *"Our clients have generally had an exceptionally good year and for many it has been the best year since the company was established. Sales prices have doubled in a decade here but although rentals have risen far less dramatically, the returns on investments remain solid. Chiswick offers the ideal balance between town and country living in a way that few other boroughs can. As the credit crunch looms over London, the local lettings market remains strong and property owners in the area have fewer reasons to panic"*.

Fitz-Gibbon continues to lead the industry forward, not only by the extensive range of services provided, but by using the latest technology to reach even more home searchers. Fitz-Gibbon was one of the very first agents to subscribe to findaproperty in 1997, at a time when very few agents had web presence, and the partners have been equally keen to embrace the power of more recent property search engines. *"The leading property portals have always worked well for us but although we continue to utilise their power, and that of several smaller independent portals, will be interested to see how the Globrix engine will develop. This search engine is backed by heavy promotion in the Sunday Times and aims to have pretty much every available property on its site so we've grasped the opportunity to secure some of the limited advertising space available. This potentially large gateway enables users to hop straight onto our website fitzgibbon.co.uk and we believe this will help us market our clients homes more effectively than ever"* says Susan.

Vanessa Reast (3rd from left) and the Chiswick team

Market Comment

Vanessa Reast,
Manager, Fitz-Gibbon - Chiswick

The market in Chiswick continues to be strong, with increasing activity across the board since the beginning of the year. We have seen great activity on the corporate side, with a return of good enquiries through both relocation agents and human resources departments of some large blue chip companies. We are confident that the market can only get stronger as a result of the sales market being wobbly - people will always need somewhere to live and if they have sold their property and are waiting to see what happens to the sales market, they will opt to rent. Renting continues to provide the opportunity to search for the right home to buy. In the face of continually high stamp duty tenants understand that purchasing the wrong property would be an expensive mistake to make!

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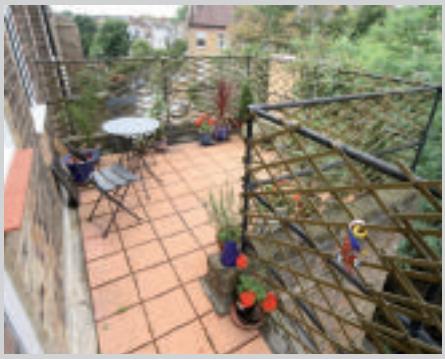

Netherwood Road, W14
Two double bedroom duplex with private roof terrace in Brook Green

£485 p/w Part Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- South facing living area
- Newly refurbished throughout
- Large private roof terrace
- Second and third floors
- Shepherd's Bush Underground

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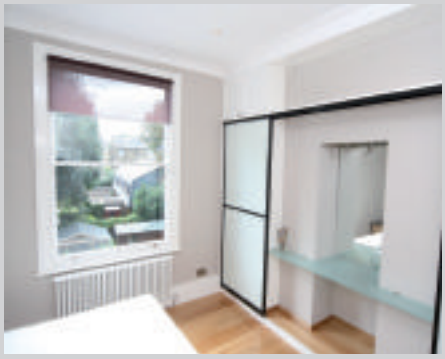

Chiswick High Road, W4
Refurbished first floor flat within conversion in Chsiwick

£350 p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom
- Living room with wooden floors
- Open plan Kitchen
- Newly refurbished throughout
- First floor
- Gunnersbury Underground

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Aynhoe Road, W14

Five bedroom family house with paved garden in Brook Green

£925 p/w Unfurnished

- Five bedrooms
- Large double reception room
- Kitchen with granite worktops
- Three bathrooms
- Private paved garden
- Hammersmith Broadway Underground

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Holland Road, W14

Refurbished three double bedroom flat near Holland Park

£575p/w Unfurnished

- Three double bedrooms
- Living room with dining area
- Two bathrooms
- Wood floors and double glazing
- Top floor
- Shepherd's Bush Underground

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Shepherds Bush Place, W12

£470 p/w Unfurnished

- Three double bedroom terraced house
- Living room with wooden flooring
- Modern Kitchen
- Private garden
- House arranged over two floors
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Beckford Close, W14

£450 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedroom flat
- Living area with wooden floors
- Modern separate kitchen
- Private balcony
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Blythe Road, W14

£450 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Two double bedroom flat
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Gunterstone Road, W14

£425 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedroom flat
- Living room with wooden floors
- Two neatly tiled bathrooms
- Private roof terrace
- Third floor
- West Kensington Underground

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Vanderbilt Villas, W14

£425 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedroom house
- Living area with wooden floors
- Two en-suite bathrooms
- Private garden
- House arranged over two floors
- Shepherd's Bush Underground

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Gledstanes Road, W14

£365 p/w Furnished

- Two bedroom flat
- Living room with wood floors
- Semi open plan kitchen
- Bathroom with power shower
- First floor
- Barons Court Underground

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Anns House, W6

£295 p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom flat
- Living area
- Wooden floors
- Private garden
- Ground floor
- Hammersmith Broadway Underground

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Shepherds Bush Road, W6

£290 p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom flat
- Living room with solid wood flooring
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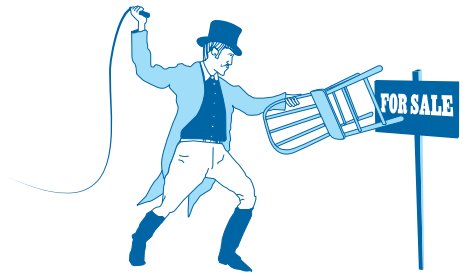

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